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Office Action Summary

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SHEN ET AL.

Examiner

Thjuan P Knowlin

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 12 July 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

1. Claims 1-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Dixon et al (US 6,765,918).
2. In regards to claims 1, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, and 17, Dixon discloses a method, computer-readable medium, and apparatus of automating the provisioning of network services for customer premises equipment of a subscriber in a next generation digital telecommunications network (col. 2 lines 47-53, col. 3 lines 45-65, and col. 6-7 lines 58-21), the method comprising the steps of: receiving a service request from a network service provider that specifies a service to be provided to the customer premises equipment (col. 5 lines 20-36); retrieving a configuration template for a configuration appropriate for the customer premises equipment (col. 6 lines 50-57); allocating and reserving at least one resource associated with the customer premises equipment (col. 4-5 lines 57-8); generating configuration data for the customer premises equipment based on the configuration template and stored system configuration information;

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delivering the configuration data over the network to the customer premises equipment to result in provisioning (provisioning is provided by the Multimedia Resource Manager (MRM) 12) (col. 5 lines 54-56) the customer premises equipment to provide the service (col. 6 lines 19-30, col. 7 lines 3-8, and col. 7 lines 27-34).

3. In regards to claims 2, 4, 5, 18, and 20, Dixon discloses the method and apparatus, wherein the customer premises equipment is an ADSL router (col. 4 lines 6-11 and col. 5 lines 20-29), wherein the network is an asynchronous transfer mode (ATM) network (col. 3 lines 57-64), and wherein the step of generating configuration data includes the step of allocating and reserving an IP address and fully qualified domain name for each of a plurality of permanent virtual circuits associated with communications among the network and the router (col. 4 lines 17-37, col. 5 lines 2-8, col. 5 lines 38-53, and col. 7 lines 27-4).

4. In regards to claims 3 and 19, Dixon discloses the method and apparatus, wherein the configuration service request comprises information uniquely identifying the customer premises equipment, information identifying one or more permanent virtual circuits assigned by the service provider to the customer premises equipment; and access control data (col. 4-5 lines 57-8 and col. 6 lines 19-30).

5. In regards to claims 6, 10, and 16, Dixon discloses a method and apparatus, wherein the step of generating configuration data includes the steps of: allocating and reserving one or more network addresses respectively associated with one or more communication channels between the network and the customer premises equipment by communicating with a dynamic host control protocol server; allocating and reserving

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one or more fully qualified domain names respectively associated with one or more communication channels between the network and the customer premises equipment by communicating with a domain name service server (col. 6 lines 31-57 and col. 5 lines 38-53).

6. In regards to claims 7 and 8, Dixon discloses a method, further comprising the steps of: creating and storing updated configuration data in response to receiving a request to update provisioning of the customer premises equipment; generating a request to a proxy element of a network access device to update the provisioning to the customer premises equipment (col. 3 lines 45-54, col. 4 lines 17-28, col. 5 lines 20-29, and col. 6 lines 25-30).

Response to Arguments

7. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-20 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.


Conclusion

8. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Owens et al (US 6,788,942) teach a system and method for providing telecommunications service using a wireless link. Owens et al (US 6,415,150) teach a system and method for providing telecommunications service using a wireless link.

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9. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Thjuan P Knowlin whose telephone number is (703) 308-1727. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri 8:00-4:30pm.
10. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ahmad Matar can be reached on (703)305-4731. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.
11. Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free).

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